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HIGHWAY MEASURE

Providing for a State Commission Likely to Pass

TWELFTH CIRCUIT

Created in Spite of Governor's Opposition—Other Matters Before the Legislature

Tallahassee—The question of state highway commission is one big proposition before the house. That a highway commission of some kind will be created is apparently a foregone conclusion, but question rests on whether or not the house will adopt bill passed by the senate of Senator Himes and introduced in the house by Representative Wood, or whether the Adkins substitute will meet approval. The Wood bill provides for revenues for the department amounting in the neighborhood of \$18,000, while the Adkins bill calls for an appropriation of about \$7,500.

The Jacksonville delegation, led by Mr. Daney of Duval, achieved one of the most brilliant successes recorded in the legislature of late, and at the same time a decided rebuff was handed to Governor Trammell for vetoing the bill creating the twelfth judicial circuit, which was passed over his veto in the senate and failed to pass over his veto in the house last week. However, the house reconsidered its action and this time passed the bill over the governor's veto by a vote of 51 to 10.

Representatives of Punta Gorda and South DeSoto county feel confident that they will succeed in getting the new County of Charlotte formed at this session, although Representative Langford and prominent citizens of North DeSoto oppose the measure vigorously. Senator Cooper favors the division and the question resolves itself into a matter of this session submitting the question to a referendum vote of the people concerned, and that is all the Punta Gorda people say they are asking.

The senate has passed an act to create a state department of boiler inspection, providing for an inspector and an assistant.

The following are among the new bills added to the long list already before the senate:

By Senator Lindsey: An act to require that a statement of each and all expenditures made by the state board of health be filed with the state comptroller and providing that no voucher covering such expenditures shall be paid until audited and approved by the state comptroller.

By Senator Jones: An act relating to the liability of municipalities for personal injuries to and destruction of property.

By Senator Adkins: An act to prohibit the carrying of intoxicating liquors to churches, school houses, picnics or other public gatherings or the drinking of the same within one-quarter of a mile of such places in Bradford county, Florida.

By Senator Jones: A bill to be entitled an act to fix the compensation of bailiffs in circuit courts and county criminal courts of record.

The following are among the general bills passed by the legislature to date and signed by the governor:

Bill to provide for facilities for

natures conveniences in the public schools.

Bill authorizing state board of health to collect and disseminate information concerning communicable diseases, giving said board authority to operate health exhibit train.

Bill providing punishment for making or using false statements to obtain property or credit.

Bill relating to the number of trustees or managers of corporations not for profit.

An act authorizing persons, firms or corporations to make photographic records of public records and documents.

An act providing for insurance of county buildings.

Act making appropriation of \$420,000 for institutions of higher learning.

An act prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in nothing less than half-pint sealed receptacles and prohibiting drinking on premises.

Act creating state plant board to direct campaign against citrus canker and other plant pests, carrying with it appropriation of \$125,000 for canker campaign and \$35,000 to be used in fighting other pests.

Act creating Broward county of parts of Dade and Palm Beach counties.

DIVISION OF FLORIDA

Proposed in a Joint Resolution Before the Legislature

The voters of Florida may have the opportunity of deciding the question of state division at the next general election. Representative Davis of St. Johns county, has introduced in the legislature a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution which would create the state of West Florida, the new state comprising twenty-eight of the present fifty-one counties of the commonwealth.

Mr. Davis created considerable surprise by the introduction of this measure which, if adopted by the voters will cut the state in two where the peninsular part commences.

It is proposed to place the following named counties in what will be known as West Florida: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Franklin, Liberty, Gadsden, Waukulla, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwanee, Lafayette, Alachua, Columbia, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam.

The dividing line proposed would make Levy, Marion and Volusia counties the northern boundary counties of the proposed state of South Florida.

By the passage of the resolution by the house and senate and ratification of the amendment by the people at the polls, Democrats would gain two additional members in senate. Tallahassee would probably remain the capital of the proposed new state.

The fight for the passage of the resolution will be led in the house by Davis of St. Johns, and Davis of Jackson.

Lakeland Telegram:—Watermelons a little late this season, but they'll be all the more appreciated when they arrive. Meanwhile we're sharpening our appetites in anticipation of the plenty we'll do do 'em when opportunity rolls around.

J. R. Sandlin was in Arcadia on business the first of the week.

May Meeting of the County School Board

The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4th and 5th, with all members present, to-wit: F. B. McClelland, chairman; S. B. Hogan and H. A. Ware, members; Jas. O. Bickley, County Superintendent and Secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved after which the following business was transacted:

Upon petition signed by B. A. Wachob and other qualified electors of the Punta Gorda Special Tax School District No. 2, the Board of Public Instruction hereby appoints H. A. Boyle as trustee of said Special Tax School district until his successor is duly elected and commissioned.

J. F. Chisholm, who was recently elected as trustee of the Waukulla Special School District No. 5, having notified the Board he would not serve, and Dr. Y. E. Wright having received the next highest number of votes in the election for school trustees held March 13th, the Board hereby appoints Dr. Wright as trustee of said district to serve for the ensuing two years.

The Board hereby appoints T. O. Baldwin as trustee of the Gardner Special Tax School District No. 14, in the place of J. S. Tillis, deceased, upon petition presented and being signed by T. E. Fielder and other qualified electors of the said district.

As per notice to contractors, the Board of Public Instruction with the trustees of the Nocatee Special Tax School District, B. F. Welles, A. B. Stroud and H. T. Davis, took up the matter of selecting brick for the Nocatee school building. After examining all samples and comparing prices, upon the recommendation of the trustees the Board selected a "G. S. Kinn Run" brick at \$9.75 per thousand and may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or at the office of I. W. Phillips and Company, Tampa, Fla. Trustees of the Sebring Special Tax School District being unable to be present the matter of selecting the brick for the Sebring School was put off, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized and directed to take up the matter of selection with the trustees.

Chairman F. B. McClelland presented the following regulations as adopted by the State Board of Education relating to the certification of teachers and minimum requirements for standardizing of schools, whereupon Mr. Hogan moved that the same be incorporated in the minutes of the Board of Public Instruction of DeSoto County and that a copy of these regulations be furnished each trustee and that all teachers be notified that they will be required to meet these regulations, which upon motion was seconded by Mr. Ware, same being then and there put, was unanimously carried by full Board present. Said regulations being in the words following, to-wit:

One, Two, Three Teachers and Grammar Schools

Regulation 1. No teacher in a High school, or any school, shall be permitted to teach any branch or subject, without holding a legal and unexpired certificate covering every subject he or she teaches, and issued under the laws of Flori-

da. (Vide, Regulations 2 (a) and 13 as amended in 1914.)

This means that no teacher holding a second or third grade certificate will be allowed to teach Algebra, Physical Geography, or any other subject not covered by said certificate. That the holder of just a first grade certificate will not be allowed to carry on 9th or 10th grade work, without securing a Special Certificate on the subjects not covered by the first grade. This applies to all schools. Principals of all three teacher schools will be required to hold at least a first grade certificate, and assistants not lower than a second grade. Principals of two teacher schools at least a second grade.

Junior High Schools.

Regulation 2. No school shall be called or recognized as a Junior High School which does not meet each of the following requirements:

1st. The term shall not be less than 8 months, or 160 days.

2nd. The average daily attendance of all pupils shall not be less than 50.

3rd. It must have in regular attendance not less than a total of 10 pupils in one or both of the Ninth and Tenth grades, regularly and properly promoted from the grade next below.

4th. It must employ not less than a total of 4 teachers, each legally certificated according to the laws of this State, and devoting all of his or her time in school.

5th. The principal shall hold either a Life State or State Certificate, or a valid First Grade Certificate issued under the laws of this State and, in addition, a Special Certificate covering all the academic branches or subjects, not covered by a First Grade Certificate, embraced in and prescribed in the Standard High School Course of Study for the Ninth and Tenth Grades.

6th. At least one capable teacher, must devote all of his or her time to teaching the Ninth and Tenth grades, and where there is but one teacher giving full time to these two grades, but one of the Standard Courses of Study must be offered.

7th. The average length of recitation periods in the two high school grades shall not be less than 40 minutes.

8th. All pupils in high school grades must at all times carry not less than four academic subjects; provided, that some vocational, industrial, or elective study may occupy one recitation period.

9th. The building must have not less than four ample and well adapted recitation rooms, all properly equipped with patent desks, blackboards, and other necessary teaching appliances.

10th. It must have laboratory equipment and a well selected library, each worth not less than \$100.

Intermediate High Schools

Regulation 3. No school shall be recognized as an intermediate High School which does not meet each of the following requirements:

1st. The term shall not be less than 8 months or 160 days.

2nd. The average daily attendance of all pupils shall not be less than 100.

3rd. It must have in regular attendance not less than 20 pupils in the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh grades, 5 of whom must be in the eleventh grade, all regularly and

properly promoted from the next grade below.

4th. It must employ not less than two teachers, exclusive of the principal, each legally certified according to the laws of this State and devoting all of his or her time to teaching high school classes; the certificate held by each shall be a Life State or State Certificate or a First Grade Certificate and a Special Certificate covering all the academic branches or subjects each teaches embraced in and prescribed in one of the Standard Courses of Study for the three lowest high school grade.

5th. Every teacher of any subject must hold a certificate covering the particular subject taught.

6th. The principal shall hold either a State Life or State Certificate, and shall not hear more than four regular recitations a day.

7th. The average length of recitation periods, in all high school grades, shall not be less than 45 minutes.

8th. All pupils in high school grades must carry all the time not less than four academic subjects; provided, that some vocational, industrial, or elective subject may take the period of one subject.

9th. The building must have not less than seven ample and

TOMATOES! TOMATOES!

Moving From Here Now Two Cars a Day

Tomatoes are now moving from here at the rate of more than two cars a day. Not such heavy shipments as compared with the well developed tomato growing section of the lower East Coast, but it shows a considerable increase over shipments from here at this time last year and bespeaks that this place will come into greater prominence for tomatoes another season.

It is generally a fine product that is moving from here and good prices are being realized. Most of the tomatoes are bought and paid for on the ground, this kind of transaction being more satisfactory to the growers than shipping on consignment or through brokers.

Several packing houses are putting up stuff and the crop is being marketed as expeditiously as possible.

With anything like favorable weather conditions shipments should continue for several weeks. Besides tomatoes, small quantities of beans, peppers, cucumbers and other vegetables are moving daily.

In addition to the carload shipments—these chiefly tomatoes—lot shipments by express, averaging one hundred crates go forward daily.

Of the pretty tomato patches, none excels that of Geo. A. McLane on his slough land. He has some fifteen acres that are certainly as fine as could be wished for. It is estimated that the aggregate yield will be in the neighborhood of 3000 crates. From this patch, there should therefore be shipped about ten carloads.

Patrick is said to be one of the truckers who should get a good yield. He has quite an acreage all told, his fields being in different localities, and he is amongst those making the heaviest pickings daily now.

Reports from London would indicate that the militant suffragettes have been lost in the excitement.

RUSSIAN VICTORY

Makes Up For Former Gains by Teutons in Galicia

ALLIES ADVANCING

Up the Gallipoli Peninsula — Pressing Steadily Forward in the Turkish Campaign

London, Eng.—A far-reaching victory in Bukovina, the Austrian crown land on the eastern extremity of the Russian front, is claimed in an official Petrograd announcement. The Russians are said to have swept through Bukovina, taking back much of the territory which they held earlier in the war until they were driven out by the Austrians.

The Austrian defeat was of such vast proportions as to more than offset the victory gained by the Teutonic allies in west Galicia, according to the official announcement contained in the dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company.

The Austrians are reported to have abandoned 20,000 prisoners in their flight and important positions. The Russians claim to have occupied Czernowitz and that the remnants of the Austrian army retreating in the direction of the Pruth are in danger of disaster.

The Russian war office concedes a further retreat in Russian Poland between the Pilica and Vistula rivers, on a part of the long front over which they have been compelled by the Austro-German armies to fall back.

The Turkish general staff at Dardanelles reports that the allies on Saturday made several attacks on the Turkish right wing. It is said they were repulsed with the loss of 1,500 men. The British press representative at the Dardanelles telegraphs that the allies now have advanced about five miles up the Gallipoli peninsula.

An Amsterdam dispatch to a Paris newspaper says the German reply to America will defend the sinking of the Lusitania and decline to modify German methods of submarine warfare.

Decision of Italy's policy concerning the war apparently has been postponed until after parliament meets. It is expected in Rome parliament will be asked to confer plenary powers on the cabinet.

A plot to assassinate the Sultan of Turkey, Field Marshal von der Goltz, Field Marshal von Sanders and Enver Pasha is said to have been discovered in Constantinople. Turks and Armenians are credited with instigating it and four hundred Armenians have been arrested.

The Gazette is forty-one years old today. They will come—these birthdays—and there is no holding 'em back—not at all. We used to think a heap of 'em and looked forward to the anniversaries with a great deal of pleasure—but that was a long time ago. They now come too often—that's the objection.—Darien Gazette. The Gazette is the only weekly we know that charges \$2.50 a year for subscription and gets it, and we attribute this remarkable success to the fact that it is always level-headed.—Times-Union Short Talks.

A. F. Dewey was a business visitor to the county capital Monday.